



APRIL 5 - JUNE 9, 2024

(Pick your fishing days - you get three)

Entry Fee \$300

JUNIOR & LADY ANGLERS FISH FREE
(CAPPED AT 70 BOATS)

Benefitting:



REGISTER ONLINE AT
www.nefma.com

Once you have registered, download the NEFMA App to manage your team/boat. Search "NEFMA" in your app store.

Captains Meeting - Kickoff Party Thursday,
March 28th, 2024 - starting at
5:00pm. Registration will close at 6:30pm.
Captains meeting will begin at 7:00pm.
Northeast Florida Marlin Association (NEFMA)
3030 Harbor Drive, St. Augustine, FL 32084

PRIZE STRUCTURE PAYOUT

(based on 60 entries)

AGGREGATE DIVISION

1st Place Aggregate	\$5,000
2nd Place Aggregate	\$3,000
3rd Place Aggregate	\$2,000

BIG FISH DIVISION

1st Place Only	\$1,000
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LADY ANGLER BIG FISH

1st Place	\$2,000
2nd Place	\$500
3rd Place	\$300

JUNIOR ANGLER DIVISION

1st Place	Rod & Reel Combo
2nd Place	Rod & Reel Combo
3rd Place	Rod & Reel Combo



2024 NEFMA MAHI MANIA TOURNAMENT RULES

- The NEFMA Mahi Mania Tournament will run from Friday, April, 5th, 2024 through Sunday, June 9, 2024.
- Each boat will be eligible to fish a maximum of 3 days. The Captain must declare using the NEFMA app no later than 8:00 pm the day before the desired fishing day.
- The heaviest 3 fish aggregate will be the 2024 Mahi Mania Tournament Winner.
- Each boat will be eligible to weigh up to 3 Mahi per day. If more than 3 fish are weighed throughout the tournament, the smaller weights will be dropped.
- You may leave and return from any inlet of your choice but may not deploy baits outside of the boundaries.
- All fish must be weighed at Beamish Custom Tackle by 5:30 pm the day of fishing or between 9:00 am and 2:00 pm the next day and Sunday, between 9:00 am and 12:00 pm. No mutilated fish will be accepted.
- This is a NO CHECKOUT TOURNAMENT. Lines in day declared at 6:00 am till 5:00 pm. You must return to the inlet of your choice by 8:00 pm on your designated fishing day on your own power. You may leave the inlet as of 12:01 am of the declared day.
- The Captain and crew of all entrants are subject to a polygraph at any time during the tournament. Winning Captains WILL be required to submit and pass a polygraph test prior to being presented any prize. Failure to submit to a polygraph test automatically revokes all claims to prizes and disqualifies the Captain and crew from the tournament. All team members must possess a valid Florida fishing license.
- A maximum of 8 lines are allowed. No electric reels permitted for trolling any hooked bait or lure. Electric reels may be used for hookless teasers. Wire Lines are allowed. A digital photograph of the fish with the tournament issued boat number is required on the water after the fish has been landed.
- The winner of the NEFMA Mahi Mania Tournament does not have to weigh 3 fish. If a boat's 2 fish are heavier than another boat's 3 then the boat with the most weight will be declared the winner. In the event of identical weights for any aggregate category, the tie will be broken on the team's largest fish of those weighed in. In the category of largest fish, the tie will be broken upon earliest weighed fish.
- You may undeclare a fishing day for whatever reason by 8:00 am through the NEFMA app on the declared fishing day or by texting (904) 669-5153.
- You may substitute a boat once if the substitute boat is not registered in the tournament.
- Use of flying drones during this tournament is allowed.
- Boats cannot win both Aggregate and Big Fish prizes.
- Boundary is latitude 30.48.000 North and 29.18.000 South.
- All boats must fish in the Atlantic Ocean in US waters.
- All decisions by tournament committee are final.
- Entry Fee: \$300.00 until April 4th
- The Captains Meeting – Kickoff Party will be Thursday, March 28th, 2024 – starting at 5:00pm. Sign up will close at 6:30pm. Captains meeting will begin at 7:00pm at the NEFMA Clubhouse.
- All declared boats must check in by using the NEFMA app by 8:00 pm on their declared day of fishing and submit their on the water photo.
- Tournament reserves the right to refuse entry from any captain at its discretion.
- Junior Anglers must be ages 8-17 as of March 26, 2024. Proof of age may be required to claim a prize. The Jr anglers' fish may NOT be one of the fish used in the daily 3 fish aggregate being weighed in.
- Each boat must leave and return to land under its own power unassisted. If a boat needs assistance, it is encouraged for participants to render assistance. The boat receiving assistance will be disqualified for the day but the boat rendering the assistance will be allowed to weigh and may be granted an extension at the discretion of the tournament director.
- To qualify for the lady angler division the angler must be 18 years of age or older. The Lady anglers' fish may be one of the fish used in the daily 3 fish aggregate being weighed in. She must also be the angler on the rod for the complete fight until the fish is boated.
- The Junior and Lady angler divisions are free, but they must be pre-registered by 4/4/24 to fish the event.



2024 NEFMA MAHI MANIA WEATHER

This is a Captain's Choice tournament. Each captain is solely responsible for the safety of his or her vessel and crew at all times. Captains and crews are responsible for following any federal, state and local fishing or boating laws. We encourage all Captains to heed any weather warnings or dangerous weather conditions, as safety is paramount. It is up to each Participant to determine whether their craft is seaworthy for the conditions of any given fishing day.

Small Craft Advisory

A fishing day will automatically be cancelled for the next day if, at 9pm the evening before, the National Weather Service Marine forecast has a "Small Craft Advisory" in effect for winds of 20 knots or more for the next fishing day. "Small Craft Exercise Caution" is still Captains Choice and can be a fishing day. These forecast zones will be the Altamaha Sound to Flagler Beach, Flagler Beach to Volusia/Brevard County line and the Volusia to Sebastian Inlet 20-60 mile zone. The Inlet you depart from will be the NWS Zone that will be used to determine whether it is a fishing day or not. A fishing day will not be cancelled due to large swells.

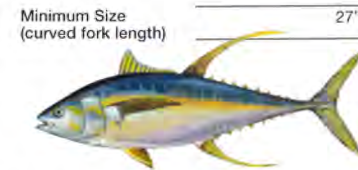


**You Pick Your Fishing Days...
You Get Three!**

66 Days to Choose From
April 5 through June 9, 2024

TWT ENTRIES

Largest 3 fish aggregate (Mahi only)	\$300.00
Largest single fish (Mahi only)	\$200.00
Largest single lady Angler fish (Mahi only)	\$100.00



Largest Yellowfin Tuna weighed in by Florida law 27" from lower jaw to fork of tail	\$500.00
Most Blue Marlin releases - 400 pts each	\$500.00
Most Sailfish releases - 150 pts each	\$500.00

TWT is cash only! You may enter for any of the TWT's the night of the Captains meeting before 6:30pm. Tuna, Marlin, Sailfish TNT pay one place per species WTA.

YOU MUST POSSESS A VALID HMS PERMIT to be eligible to weigh in the Yellowfin Tuna . It also must be valid prior to the date you declare your first day. HMS permit must be valid before 4/4/2024 and copy must be submitted the night of the captain's meeting.

The Atlantic Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Permit Shop makes it easy to apply for and renew the following federal vessel permits required to fish for Atlantic tunas, billfishes, swordfish, and sharks.

Visit www.fisheries.noaa.gov



2024 NEFMA MAHI MANIA TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION

REGISTRATION IS ONLINE ONLY AT
WWW.NEFMA.COM

ANY LADY OR JUNIOR ANGLERS PARTICIPATING IN THE TOURNAMENT MUST BE INCLUDED IN THE REGISTRATION



After you have registered online, you can manage your team/boat information by downloading our App. Search "NEFMA" in your app store. Use the same login you created when registering online. In the app you can add & change angler information, track tournament stats, declare your fishing days, upload catch photos and more!!

2024 NEFMA MAHI MANIA TOURNAMENT LIABILITY WAIVER RELEASE:

It is expressly understood that all registered participants and their companions, crew members and observers (the "Participants") participate in the the St. Augustine Mahi Mania Tournament at their own risk. The Participants hereby indemnify and agree to save harmless the Tournament, St. Augustine Mahi Mania Tournament and its respective volunteers , directors,partners, members, and/or attorneys (collectively the "Tournament Indemnified Parties") from and against any and all claims that arise from or in connection with any negligent act or omission of the Tournament Indemnified Parties. All persons connected directly or indirectly with the operation.

Participants specifically agree and consent to the use of any photograph in which they appear, or audio recording, by the Tournament for any purpose whatsoever including, but not limited to, resale, advertising and promotional material without compensation or restriction of any kind. This Liability Release shall be binding upon the Participants and their respective heirs, personal representatives, successors and assigns. By registering in the St. Augustine Mahi Mania Tournament paying the entry fee, Participants acknowledge that they have read the rules and the Liability Release and are bound by same.

I ACCEPT:

_____ I have read and agree to the liability release statement above.
(Please initial agreement)

